

## **Circumstances for Nomination**

Alton New Hampshire is in a resort area in the celebrated New Hampshire Lakes Region. The "Lakes Region" is centrally located in the State of New Hampshire and Alton is on the southern most part of the biggest lake named Lake Winnepesaukee. Alton features a year-round population of 5,000 which swells to 20,000 during the summer months; this spike is due in part to the resort attraction of the big lake.

In 2007, Alton produced 6600 calls for service, with 346 arrests and 1841 enforcement related activities with motor vehicles. This community has very little in commercial activity on a year-round basis; however, there are higher incidences in property related crimes due to the vacant residences in the off-season. Hence the opportunity to be pro-active in such a community would be predominantly developed in motor vehicle enforcement. Motor Vehicle enforcement in this community could include OHRV's and other all-terrain vehicles. We have in the past four months, been part of two substantial drug related investigations culminating in substantial drug arrests and confiscated property. The most readily available method of pro-active investigations to our patrol officers is through motor vehicle interdictions.

Officer Richard Vanderhoof has not only been consistent in his activity levels, he has been extraordinary. At just 8 months of service he had initiated 45% of our total motor vehicle enforcement actions with 844 traffic stops. Officer Vanderhoof continued by accumulating 1,001 motor vehicle stops by his one year anniversary. As a direct result of Officer Vanderhoofs proactive patrols he has elevated our departmental enforcement actions singularly and has made 22% (79) of the departmental arrests (27 DWI and 24 Drug Arrests). Officer Vanderhoof's arrest/conviction rate is above 98%. He maintains balance with his personal life as well as his professional life; he does his job consistently and efficiently.

Officer Richard Vanderhoof is my recommendation for "IACP Officer of The Year" due to his outstanding statistical numbers but also for the consistency in performance and professionalism.

Respectfully Submitted

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Chief of Police